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MANUFACTURING METHOD OF )  
THIN-FILM DEVICE AND )  
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF )  
THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD )

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby submits the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

1. JP 7-74076 (A)
2. JP 63-254729 (A)
3. JP 6-250381 (A)
4. JP 11-92971 (A)

A fee in the amount of \$180.00 (1806) is enclosed in conformance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

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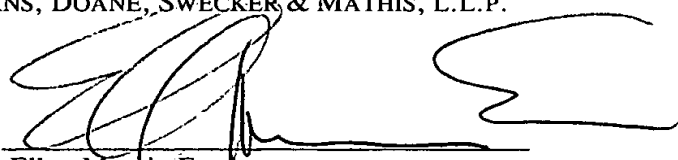
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